



Alton E. "Al" Homan

March 31, 1932 - October 3, 2023

Alton E. "Al" Homan passed away on October 3rd, 2023, at the age of 92. A native of State College, PA he graduated from the State College Area High School. As a youth he was active in High School clubs, 4-H and photography clubs. He served 3 years in the US Army Security Agency as a communications specialist in occupied Germany. He continued his education earning a B.S. degree in Agriculture and a minor in business at Southwest Texas State University. He later received a Master's degree in Education from Penn State University. Al was employed by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company in Texas as a credit manager following his college graduation. Later he was a partner in a dairy farm before joining the Penn State Cooperative Extension staff in 1962. He had a career as a County Agricultural Agent for over 30 years specializing in agronomy but was highly versatile working in many areas such as farm management, forestry, rural development, home and commercial fruit and vegetable production, landscaping, equestrian activities, and pesticide safety training. He also did extensive youth works in nearly various subject areas and was responsible for overseeing the training of many 4-H judging teams, demonstrators, and field trips. Over the years in the Extension Service, he conducted many field meetings including farm machinery demonstrations, plowing contests and extensive corn plant population studies. He played a major role in the formation of the Bradford County Forest Landowners Association and Sul-Bra Crop Management Association. Homan's

professional awards include the prestigious National Association of Country Agriculture Agents Distinguished Service Award, the National Dow Study Tour Award, and the National Ciba-Geigy award for outstanding contributions to agriculture. He served as chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the Pennsylvania Association of County Agricultural Agents, Chairman of the Northeastern Region Public Relations Committee, and national chairman for the national association's Public Relations committee. The National association had a membership of approximately five thousand members. Over the years Al has served a number of organizations. He served for the Boy Scout organization, Pennsylvania Friends of 4-H, Epsilon Sigma Phi (a national honor Extension fraternity), member and past president of the Towanda Rotary Club, member and Nobel Grand of Independent Order of Odd Fellows and worked with the Towanda Chamber of Commerce and the New Albany Area Rotary Village Group. He served several times on the Trinity Lutheran Church Council and participated in church projects and duties. After retiring Al continued volunteering in educational programs in schools and at the Bradford County Library. He spent over 3 weeks with "Operation Honduras" constructing facilities for orphans in Honduras. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and antique cars. He was a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America and was a co-founder of the Endless Mountains Region Antique Automobile Club. He was also a member of the Quarry Glen Club.

Alton is survived by his son Gary Homan of Thornton, Colorado, daughter Karen Roudabush of Exton, son in-law Brian Roudabush, and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Alton was predeceased by his wife, Mary Coveney Homan on March 23, 1993. A private interment will be held Tuesday, October 10, 2023. The family suggests that bequests be directed to the Towanda Public Library, 104 Main St., Towanda, PA 18848. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery

30 James Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ Alton E. "Al" Homan

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Karen and Gary & Family,
Dave and I were very sorry to learn about Al's passing. I have many good memories from working with him at Penn State Extension. In recent years we would enjoy a visit when our paths would cross in the grocery store. Our deepest sympathy to you all.
Cathy & Dave Guffey

Cathy Guffey - October 14, 2023 at 03:59 PM



Thank you for the kind words, Cathy.

Karen Roudabush - October 19, 2023 at 11:00 AM



“ One of the great PSU County Agents

J Craig Williams - October 10, 2023 at 07:12 AM



“ To Gary and Karen Homan and Family,
Marilyn and I were deeply sorry to learn of Al's passing. Al and I worked together those thirty plus years. We shared many work experiences, attended Penn State Extension conferences, and often roomed together at the conferences. Al was a very close friend and a wonderful co-worker. I have fond memories of our experiences together.

Sincerely, Jacob Guffey

Marilyn Guffey - October 09, 2023 at 05:45 PM

KR

Thank you for the kind words Jake. I know my father enjoyed working alongside you those many years and valued your friendship.

Karen Roudabush - October 13, 2023 at 12:20 PM

JV

“ Al visited the Penn State Extension Bradford County office in 2021 and ended up visiting with us for hours. He was a very nice man and recalled every farmer and farm he worked with. He also recalled how the Agnes Flood affected our area. My condolences to the Homan family.

Jeannette Vannan - October 09, 2023 at 09:39 AM

KR

Thank you for the kind words, Jeannette. I know he very much enjoyed the visit to the office that day.

Karen Roudabush - October 13, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ Alton E. "Al" Homan

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM

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“ *Condolences to family and friends ..I worked with AI at PSU Cooperative Extension for about 10 years. He was always enthusiastic and a great resource for agronomy issues..*

Earle Robbins - October 08, 2023 at 07:24 PM